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1. Despite the "Cordon Sanitaire" established around the mining region of Moravska Ostrava, news has come of serious trouble within that district. The recent trip of Minister of the Interior, Vaclav Nosek, vested with full powers, was made for the official purpose of reorganizing mining production, but the actual purpose was connected with the rebellion of the workers in that region.

2. This situation lasted during the month of August and the Security Police, set up by Nosek, reacted very weakly to the revolt of the miners in almost half the pits. Although the movement was based on social claims, the strikers' tracts denounced the "degrading methods which are tending to suppress all Czechoslovak nationality." Although the movement was put down, it began again around October 1, and its alarming nature necessitated the presence of Nosek accompanied by special troops.

3. Although the miners were conscious of their force, the second movement was subdued in a more severe manner than the first. In spite of the success of the government, the general plan concerning mining production will be modified and the system of remuneration revised.*

Comment: It is believed that this is a check for Moscow, 25X1
which had imposed its law, and even if the Prague Cabinet makes certain concessions, the repression by Nosek had as its first results a decline in extraction figures and a raise in miners' salaries.

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